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SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT MAY ADOPT ADDITIONAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

PRESIDENT OF BUREAU OF IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS, PRESTIGIOUS BUSINESS ORGANISATION BASED IN AUCKLAND, TELLS ME THAT NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME ADOPTED EARLY THIS YEAR IS NOT HAVING SUFFICIENT DAMPENING EFFECT ON IMPORTS. THEREFORE GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY SOON TO ADOPT NEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

NEW RESTRICTIONS COULD TAKE THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL EXCHANGE CONTROLS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCT CATEGORIES BASED ON HISTORICAL IMPORT LEVELS. MORE LIKELY WOULD BE AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD IMPORT SURCHARGE OF ABOUT 5 PERCENT FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 12 MONTHS. THE BUREAU OF IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS FEELS THAT ADDITIONAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ARE JUSTIFIED AND HAS EXPRESSED TO THE GOVERNMENT A PREFERENCE FOR THE LATTER SOLUTION. IT IS WORTHWHILE NOTING THAT THE BUREAU, LATE LAST YEAR, TOLD THE GOVERNMENT IT PREFERRED AN IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME VERSUS OTHER MEASURES GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING, AND THAT WAS WHAT HAPPENED.

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